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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: USG-GOS DISCUSSIONS CONCERNING TRANS-
ATLANTIC PASSENGER FARES

1. IN RESPONSE TO LETTER DATED APRIL 12, 1976 FROM DIEGO YNIGUEZ, DIRECTOR GENERAL OF CIVIL AVIATION, TO JOHN E. ROBSON, CHAIRMAN OF CIVIL AERONAUTICS BOARD, DEPARTMENT AND CAB PROPOSE MEETING WITH GOS REPRESENTATIVES DURING WEEK OF MAY 24, 1976 IN WASHINGTON FOR EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON TRANSATLANTIC PASSENGER FARES. ROBSON HAS SENT LETTER DATED MAY 13, TO YNIGUEZ CONTAINING ABOVE SUGGESTION. TEXT OF ROBSON LETTER FOLLOWS PARA 2 BELOW:

2. "DEAR MR. YNIGUEZ:

"THIS IS IN REPLY TO YOUR LETTER OF APRIL 12, 1976 WHICH DISCUSSES SCHEDULED PASSENGER FARES BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES.

"WE SHARE YOUR CONCERNS THAT THE TRANSATLANTIC FARE
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STRUCTURE IS UNSATISFACTORY AND THAT EFFORTS TO CORRECT THE

SITUATION HAVE BEEN PIECEMEAL AND INADEQUATE. WE BOTH
AGREE IT IS NECESSARY TO DEVELOP FARE LEVELS AND A FARE

STRUCTURE WHICH WILL IMPROVE THE AIR CARRIERS' EARNINGS
AND MEET THE NEEDS OF THE TRAVELING PUBLIC. WE ALSO
AGREE THAT TRANSATLANTIC FARES ARE TOO COMPLEX AND SHOULD
BE SIMPLIFIED.

"WE BELIEVE THAT IT WOULD BE PRODUCTIVE FOR REPRESENTA-
TIVES OF OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS TO MEET AS PROMPTLY AS
POSSIBLE IN ORDER TO EXCHANGE VIEWS ON FARES BETWEEN THE
UNITED STATES AND SPAIN. REPRESENTATIVES OF THE BOARD
AND THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE HAVE SET ASIDE THE WEEK OF
MAY 24, 1976 IN WASHINGTON, D.C. FOR AN EXCHANGE OF
VIEWS ON TRANSATLANTIC PASSENGER FARES. IF OUR PROPOSAL
AND THE TIMING FOR THE DISCUSSIONS ARE ACCEPTABLE TO YOU,
CONFIRMATION THROUGH DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS WOULD BE
APPRECIATED.

"SINCERELY, JOHN E. ROBSON, CHAIRMAN, CIVIL AERONAUTICS
BOARD."

3. DEPARTMENT REQUESTS EMBASSY TO CONVEY TO MR. YNIGUEZ
TEXT OF ABOVE ROBSON LETTER AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, AND
TO INFORM US OF SPANISH RESPONSE WHEN RECEIVED. KISSINGER

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